(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

Telecom Facilities in Andhra Pradesh Villages

1637. DR. DASARI NARAYANA **RAO:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than six thousand villages in Andhra Pradesh are still without telecom facilities;

(b) if so, the district-wise detaile thereof; and

(c) by when telecom facilities will be provided in all the villages of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 6077 villages in Andhra Pradesh are still without telecom facilities. District-wise details are given in the enclosed statement *(see below).*

(c) All the remaining villages in Andhra Pradesh are to be provided with telecom facilities by Fixed Service Provider (FSP) as stipulated in NTP 99.

Statement

Villages without Telecom Faciliti&s in Andhra Pradesh

Sl. No.	Name of Distt. Telecom Facilities	No. of villages without
1.	Adilabad	558
2.	Anantpur	74
3.	Chittoor	378
4.	Cuddappah	63
5.	East Godavari	439
6.	Guntur	0
7.	Karim Nagar	129
8.	Khammam	261
9.	Krishna	33
10.	Kurnool	20
11.	Mahboob Nagar	75

Sl. No.	Name of Distt. Telecom Facilities	No. of villages without
12.	Medak	69
13.	Nalgonda	89
14.	Nellore	129
15.	Nizamabad	156
16.	Prakasam	178
17.	Rangareddy	2
18.	Srikakulam	401
19.	Vishakhapatnam	2287
20.	Vizianagram	332
21.	Warangal	379
22.	West Gddavari	25
23.	Hyderabad	0
	Total	6077

Losses suffered by DoT in Madhya Pradesh

1638. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHKI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private telephone operator Air Tel has been allowed to operate in 30 cities in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the revenue loss estimated to be incurred due to this by the Madhya Pradesh circle of the Department of Telecom (DoT)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) M/s Bharti Telenet has been issued licence to provide Basic Telephone Service in the entire service area of Madhya Pradesh Telecom Circle. The licensee is providing the service under the brand name of Air Tel. The licence is for a period of 20 years. The revenue of Madhya Pradesh Telecom circle has not declined after the commencement of service by the Private Operator.